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Based on The Railway Series by The Rev W Awdry

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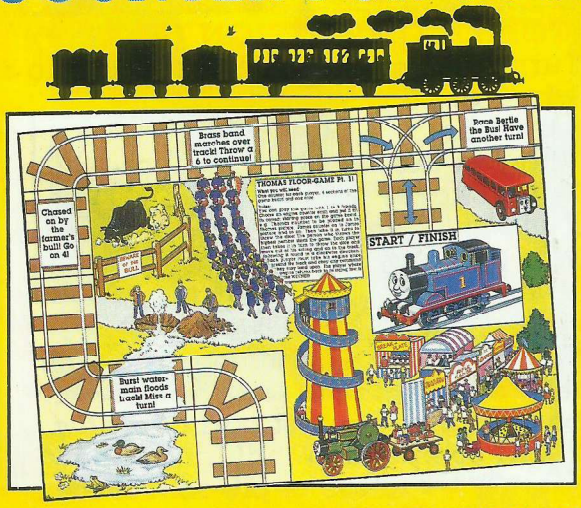

1ST PART THOMAS FLOOR-GAME INSIDE!

PLUS 2 FANTASTIC COMPETITIONS!

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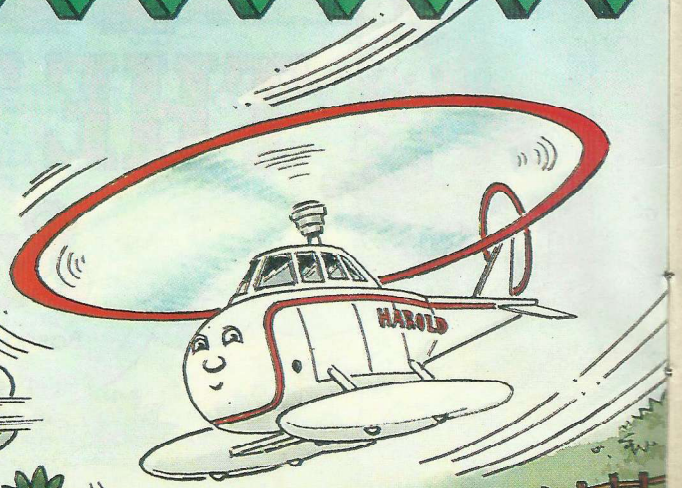
NOTICEBOARD

Peep! Peep! It's time to say hello to our old friend Terence the Tractor. Terence is one of the Fat Controller's most helpful friends but are his big caterpillar treads more useful than engine wheels? You can decide once you have read our exciting stories about Terence in this issue! Peep! Peep!



INSIDE THIS ISSUE!

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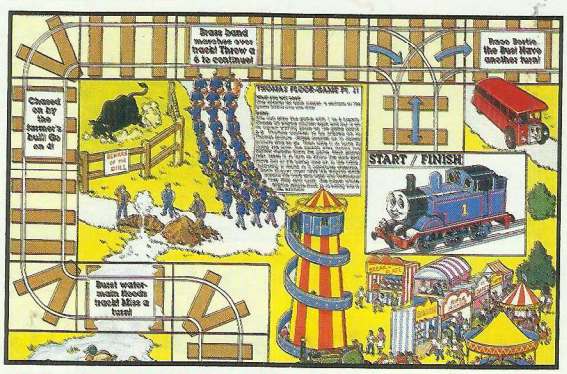

TOMY COMPETITION (PART 2)!

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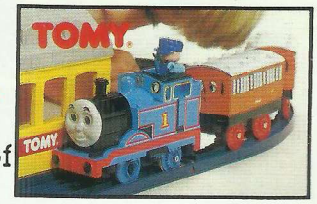

OUR NEXT ISSUE!

Don't miss our next issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends** We will be featuring the first part of a new 2-part competition featuring a new range of pre-school toys including **Bubblewalkers** and **shape sorters** courtesy of *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

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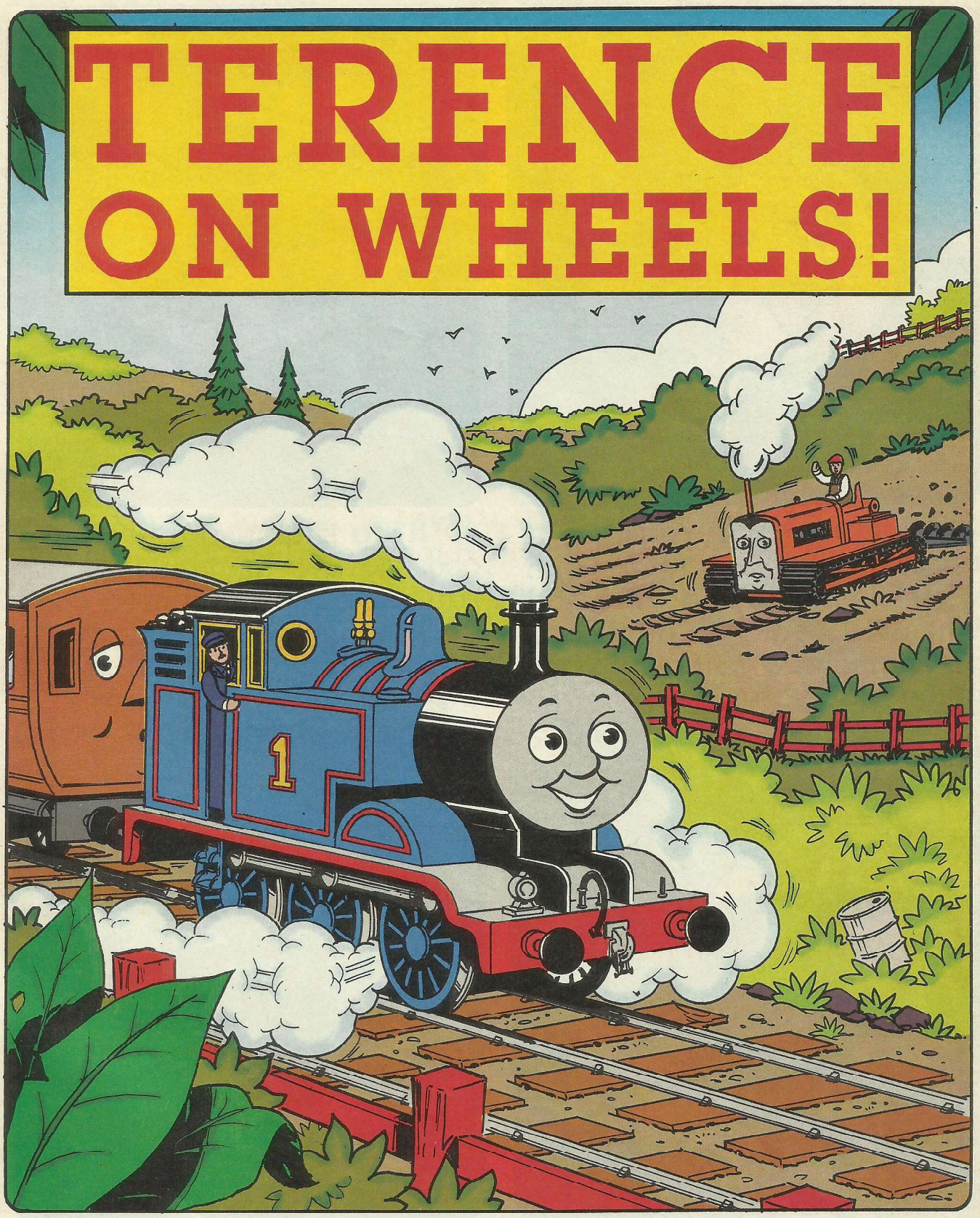
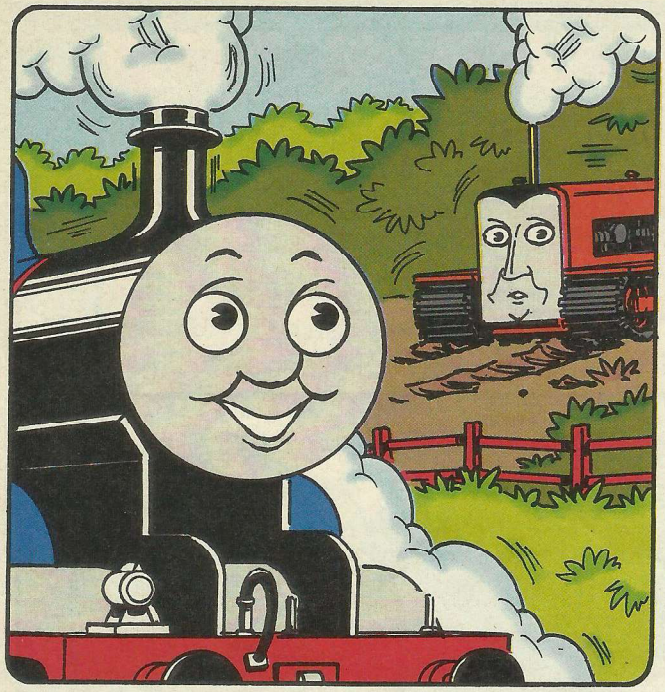
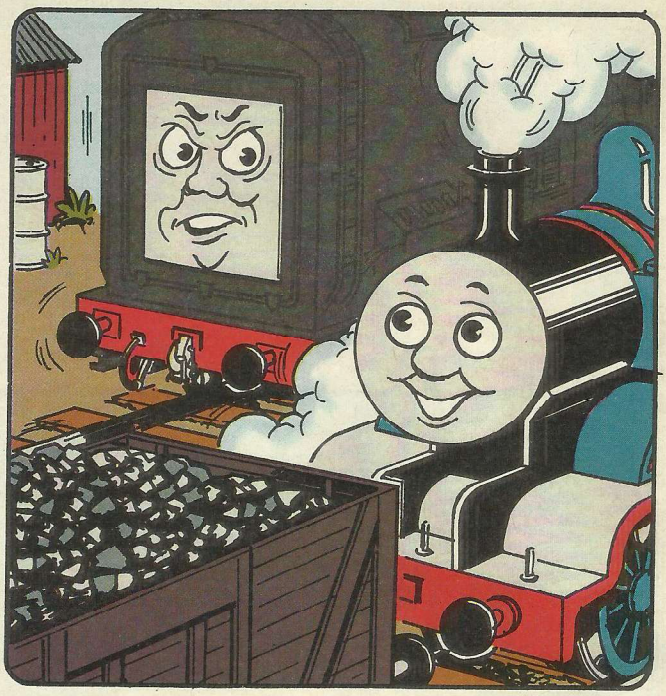


1. As Thomas puffed along his branch line, he saw Terence the Tractor in a field. "It must be fun to work in the country all day!" called Thomas. "I have to shunt dirty coal trucks later!"

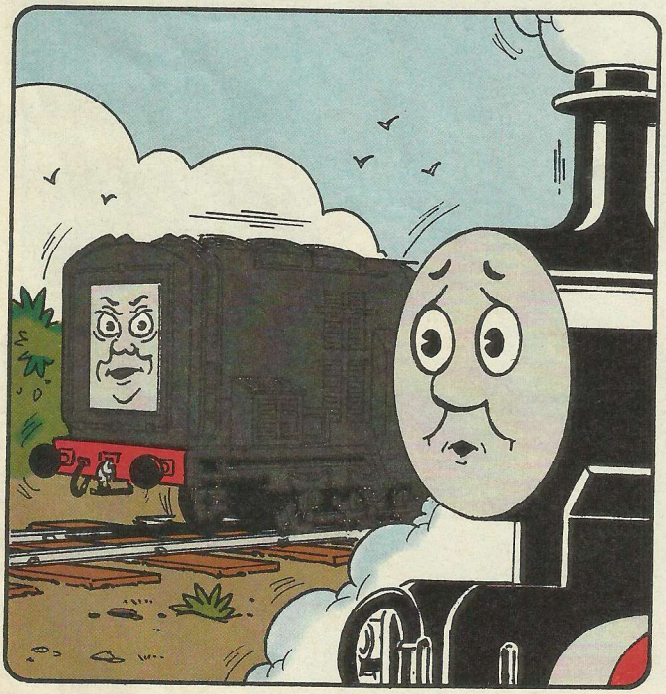
2. Terence enjoyed working in the fields. His caterpillar treads helped him to grip on to the muddy earth. But Terence was sad. "I wish I had wheels like you, Thomas!" he sighed.



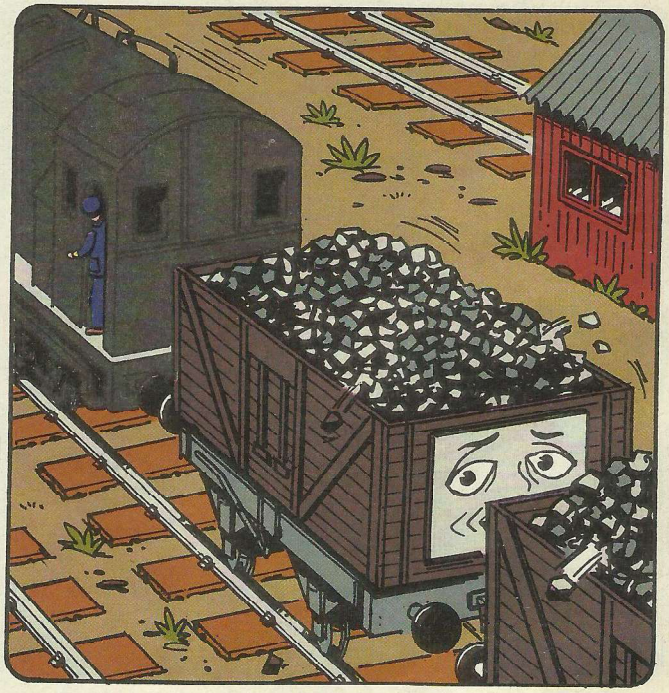
3. Thomas was surprised. "A tractor would look funny with wheels!" he replied. "If I had wheels, I could go as fast as an engine and visit other parts of the Island!" said Terence.



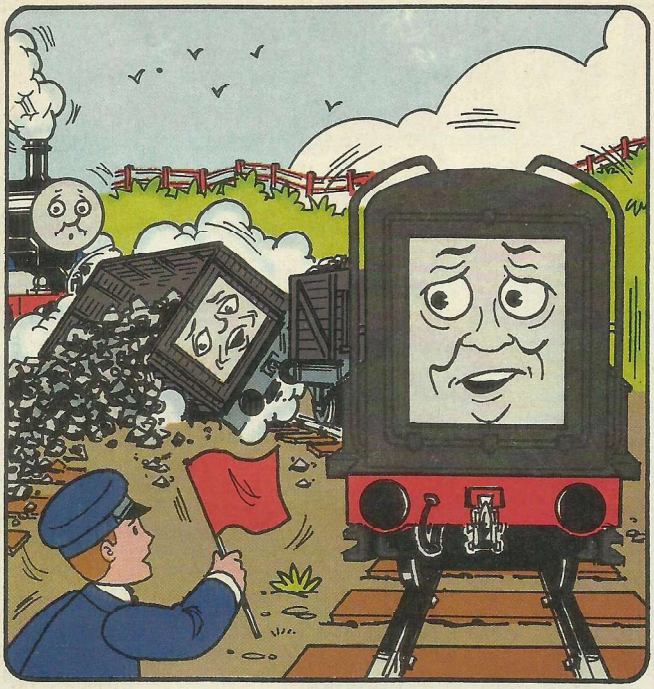
4. "It's a shame Terence only goes slowly!" thought Thomas. Later, he busily shunted coal trucks in the Main Station yard. Diesel arrived. "Get out of my way!" he said in his oily voice.



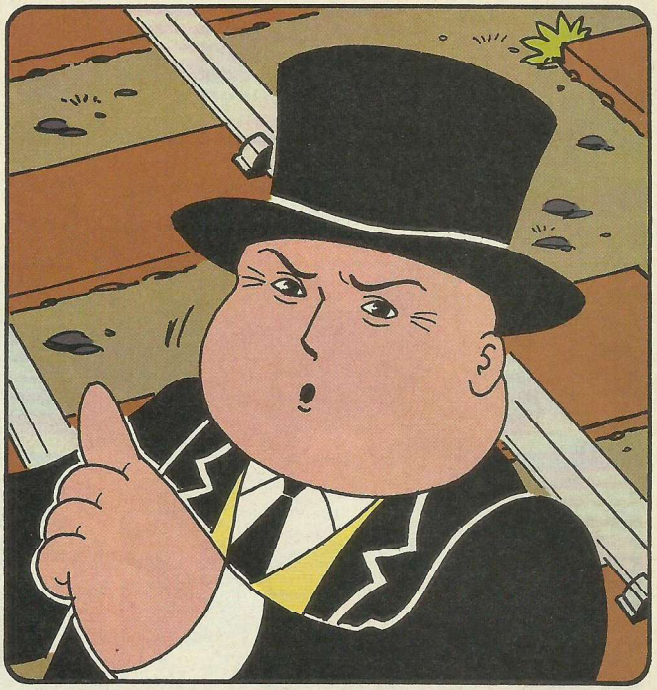
5. Diesel was bringing coal trucks from the Big Harbour. He was going too fast. "Look out!" warned Thomas. Diesel was always bad-tempered. "Don't tell me what to do!" he snapped.



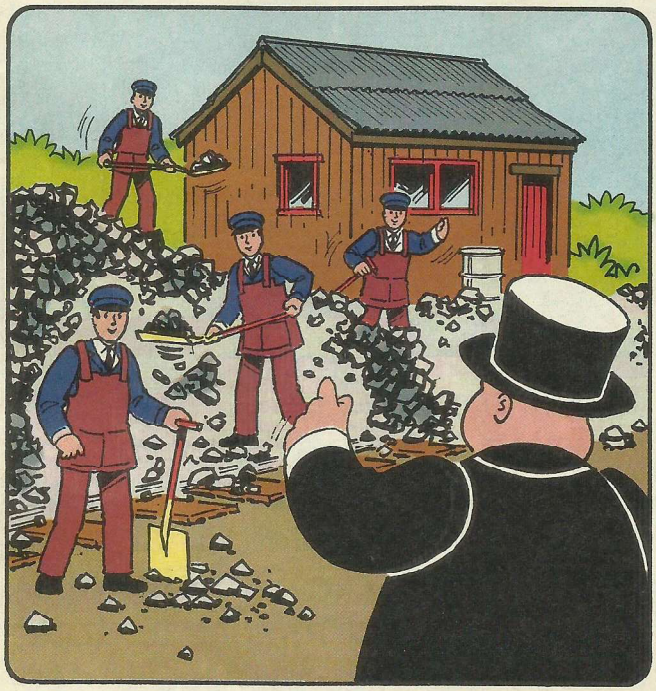
6. "The sooner I deliver these trucks, the sooner I can get out of this dusty yard and return to the harbour!" he moaned. Diesel raced along a siding. His trucks clattered and bumped each other.



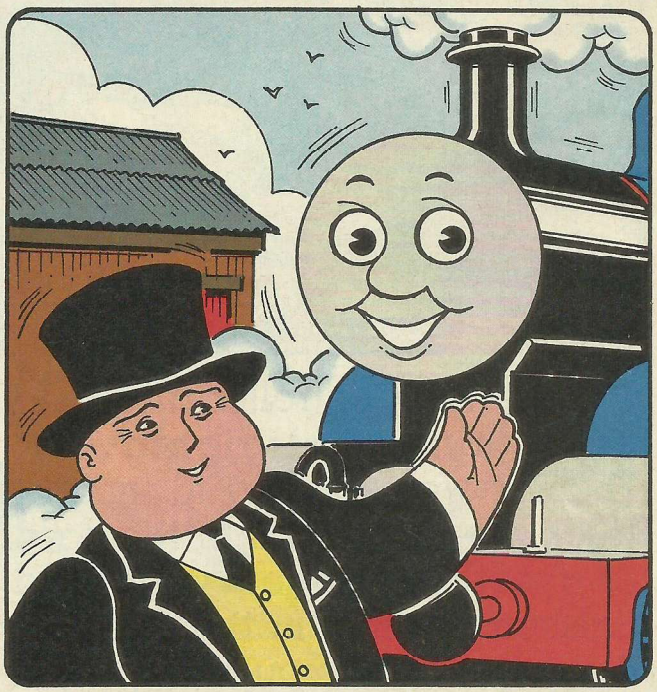
7. Suddenly, a truck tipped over and lots of coal fell out. What a mess it made! The coal covered the track. "That was your fault, Diesel!" called Thomas. "Now all that coal must be cleared up!"



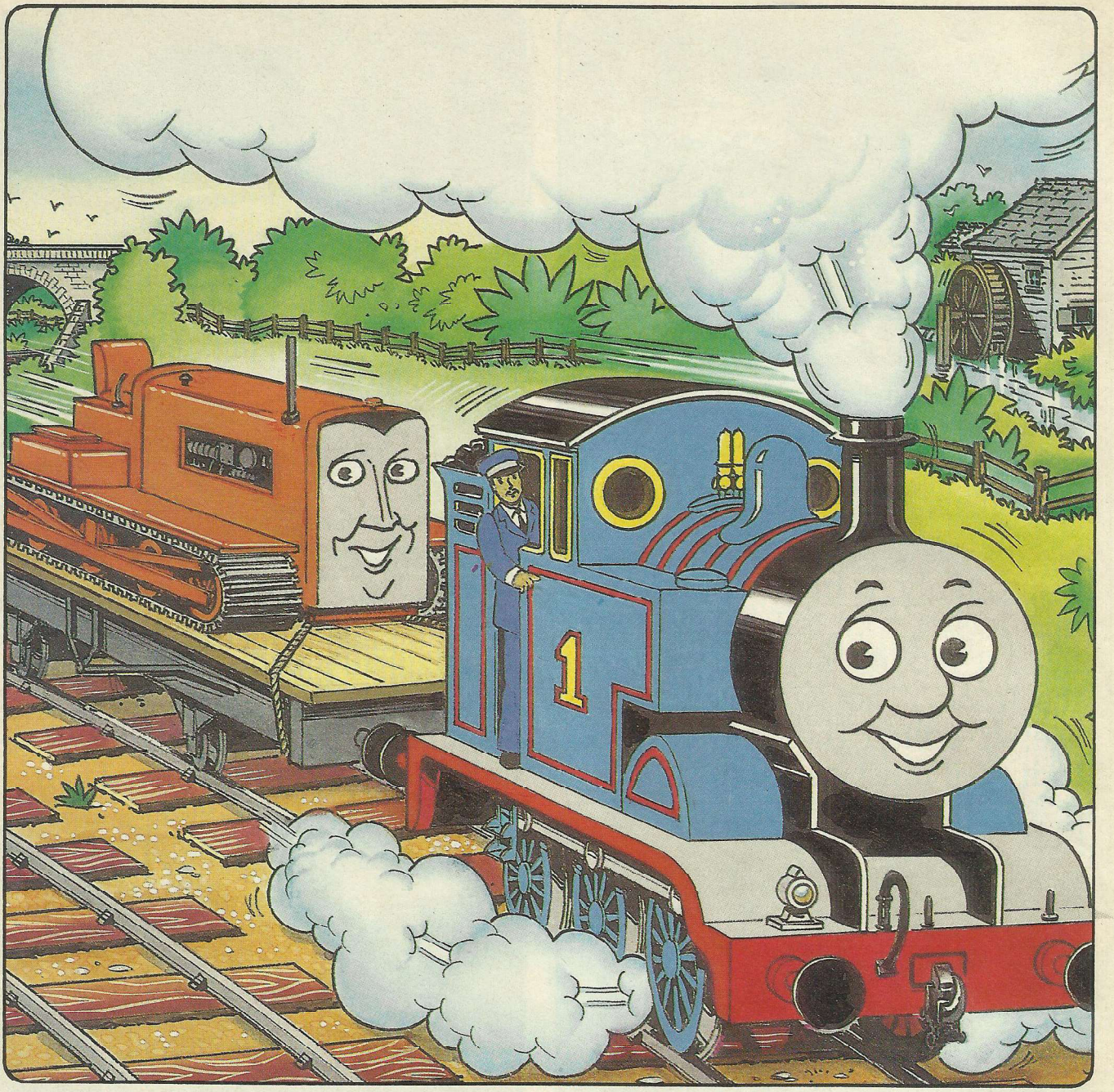
8. The Fat Controller was cross with Diesel. "I like my engines to be really useful, not really naughty!" he said. The Fat Controller did not like the yard to look in such a mess.



9. "I run an efficient railway," he said. "I want all this coal gathered up quickly!" Workmen soon arrived and began to collect the coal with their shovels. But it was slow work.



10. Thomas had an idea and spoke to the Fat Controller. "Excuse me, sir!" he said. "Terence could push the coal into a big pile very quickly!" The Fat Controller agreed.



11. The Fat Controller arranged everything straightaway. Thomas was coupled to the flat truck. He puffed out of the yard to fetch Terence, who had finished working in the fields for the day. Thomas pulled up by a level-crossing and Terence arrived. Carefully, he chugged up a ramp onto Thomas's truck. Terence was roped to the truck to make sure he did not slip.

12. "Peep! Peep! Off we go!" whistled Thomas. Terence was excited. It was a lovely journey back along Thomas's branch line to the Main Station yard. There was so much to look at. Thomas was pleased to see Terence enjoying himself. "Thank you, Thomas!" called Terence happily. "I am on caterpillar treads and wheels now!"

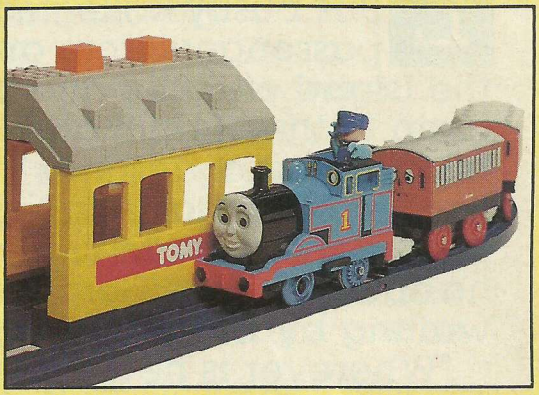
THE END!

In our next issue: The Perfect Engine!

COMPETITION! PART No.2

WIN 25 TRAIN SETS FROM TOMY®

Welcome to the second part of our special two part competition featuring these fabulous **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends Train Sets** courtesy of *TomyTrains*.
Each Train set comprises **Thomas, Annie** and **Clarabel** and approximately 16 feet of railway track for them to run around on. There's an **engine shed, low level suspension bridge** and ***'Elsbridge Station'*** where the Fat Controller waits for their arrival. Each set is compatible and interchangeable with all other **Tomytrain** systems and has a retail price of **£36.49.** For further details on availability, you can telephone this special *Tomy Care Line* on 0703-872267.



How to enter:

Firstly, take your brightest pencils and colour in this splendid scene below. Secondly, complete the entry form and then send this page along with part 1 from your previous issue to ***Thomas/ TomyTrains Colouring Competition, 13-15 Arundel St, London WC2 3DX.***

Closing date: 24th October.1992!

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Rules: This competition is open to all readers other than employees and their families of TomyTrains and Marvel Comics Ltd. The Editors decision is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

KEEPING TIME

Each morning, Bertie the Bus busily collected passengers from around the Island of Sodor and took them to the Main Station to board Gordon and the Express. One day, as Bertie pulled up at the Main Station, he could not see Gordon waiting by the platform.

"Wherever is he?" said Bertie, puzzled. Bertie's passengers climbed out and went to find the Stationmaster.

"I'm sorry but the Express has already gone!" he told them.

The passengers were very cross indeed. The Stationmaster pointed to the big hanging clock above the platform. Its hands read five minutes past nine. Then he looked at his own watch. The time was exactly the same.

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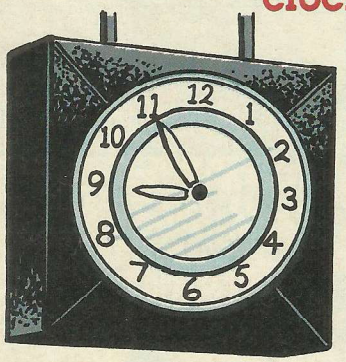

"The Express always leaves at nine o'clock!" said the Stationmaster. "Bertie is late!"

"That's strange? There were no delays today!" said Bertie. "The roads were clear! There weren't any traffic-jams to slow me up!"

Bertie's driver looked at his wristwatch. "My watch says it's only nine o'clock now!" he frowned. Some passengers checked their watches and agreed with Bertie's driver.

"Dear me! The station clock must be fast!" said the Stationmaster. "I set my own watch by it when I arrived for work!"

He called the Fat Controller who spoke to the puzzled passengers. "I will arrange an extra train for you!" he said. "You can all collect your special train passes at the ticket office!"

The passengers felt much happier. Henry was waiting in the yard to be washed and cleaned. The Fat Controller instructed him to pull the special train. Henry was quickly coupled to some carriages. Very soon, he pulled out of the station with a train full of passengers.

The Fat Controller hurried to his office and telephoned for an engineer to repair the station clock. The engineer arrived and stood some step-ladders on the platform. He climbed up them and opened the back of the clock to inspect the mechanism inside.

The engineer discovered why the station clock was slow. "Some parts are dirty," he said. "They just need a

clean and the clock will be as good as new!"

"Splendid!" said the Fat Controller. "I can't have my railway disrupted by inefficient clocks!"

The engineer finished mending the clock and it worked perfectly again. The Stationmaster reset his own watch too. The Fat Controller arranged to have every station clock on the railway cleaned.

Next morning, when Bertie arrived at the bus stop by the Main Station, Gordon was waiting with the Express as usual. The passengers were very pleased to see Gordon and the Express.

"I run an efficient railway," the Fat Controller announced proudly. "When something goes wrong, it will be dealt with immediately!"

The passengers were very impressed. "Peep! Peep!" whistled Gordon to let everyone know it was almost time for him to leave. The Fat Controller had explained why the clock was slow.

"I knew I was on time yesterday!" Bertie told Gordon.

"It wasn't my fault I left early!" huffed Gordon importantly. "I always run on time! It was the clock that didn't!"

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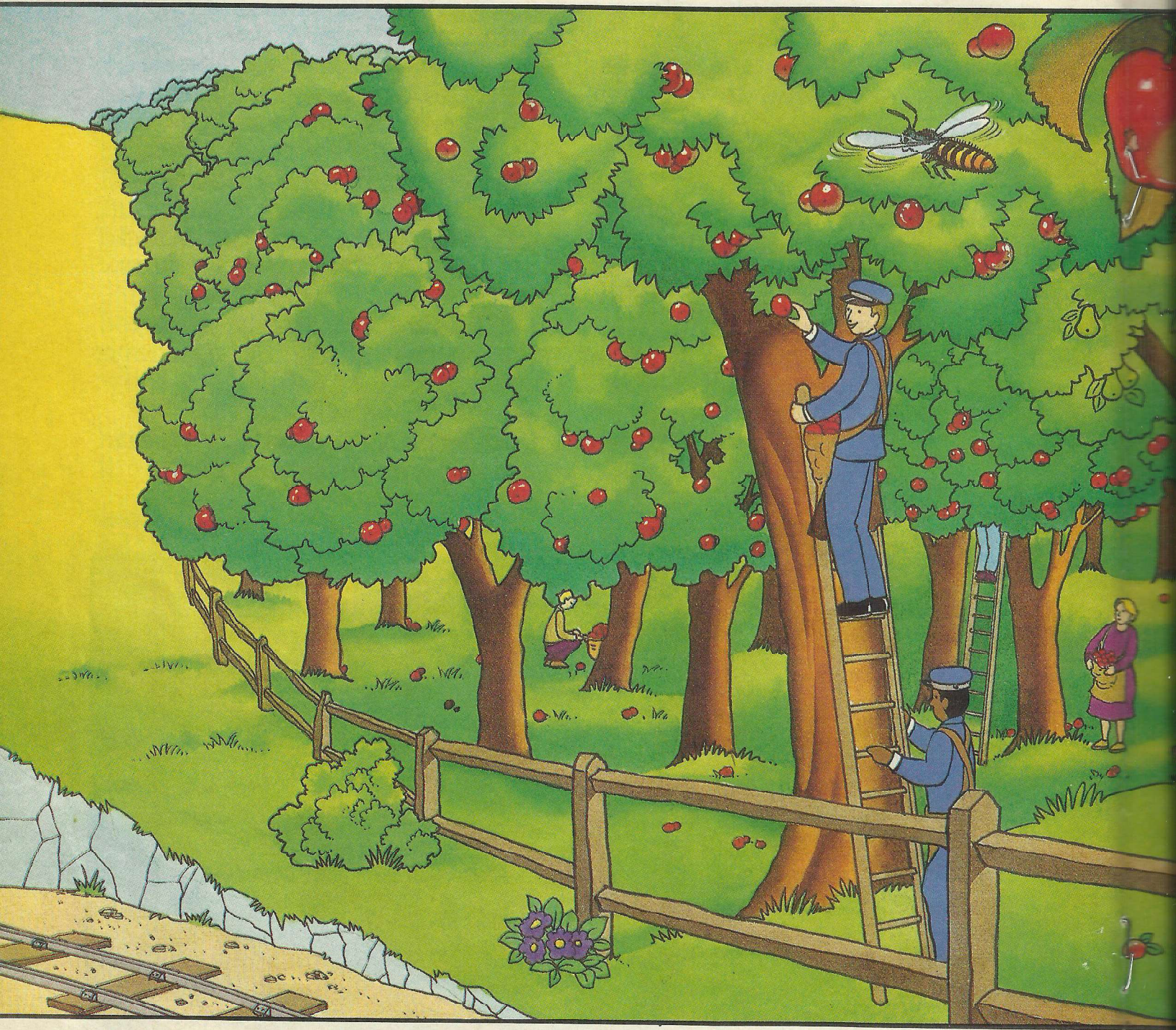

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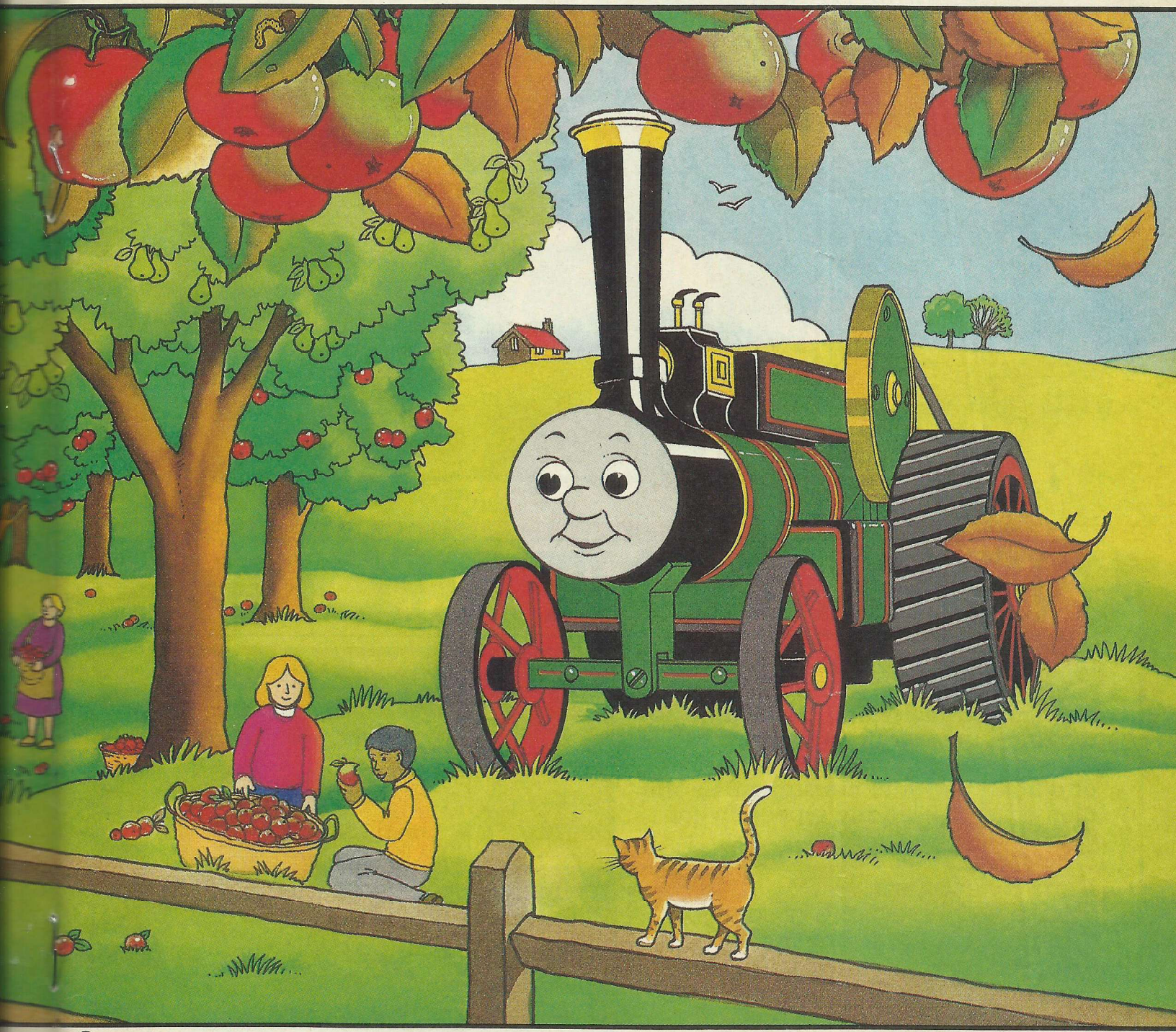

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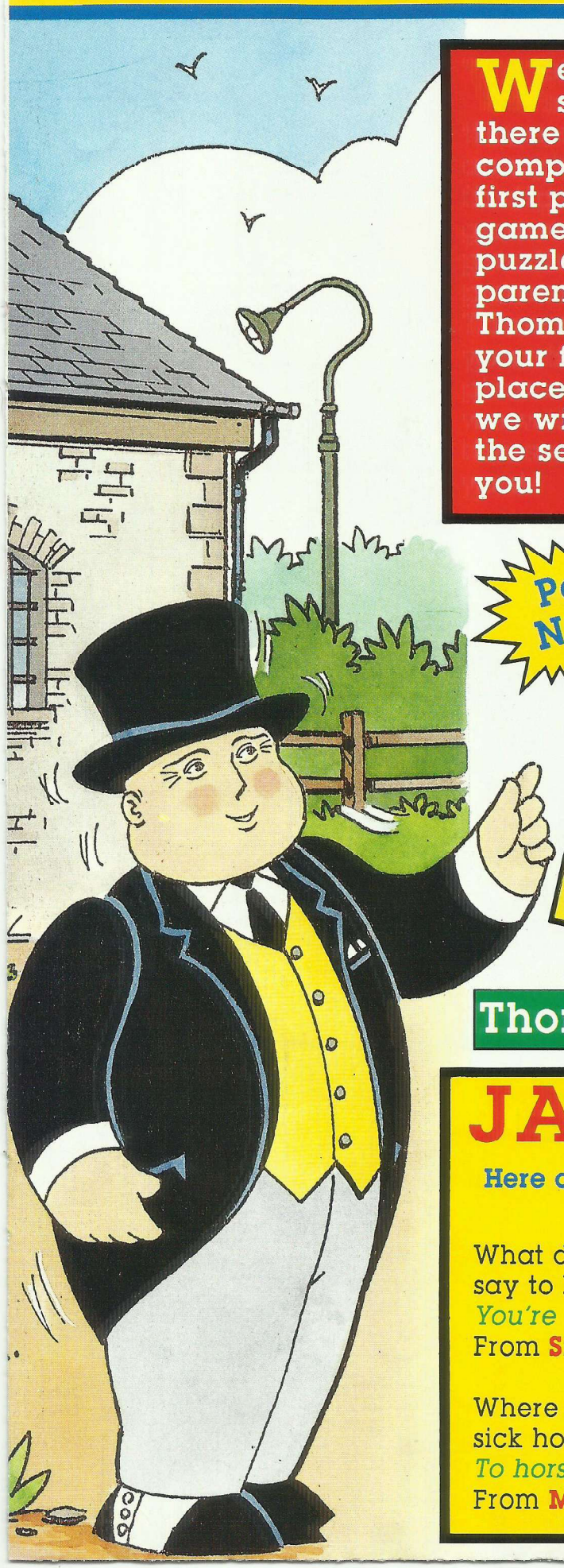
Note for parents

This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for you child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the comic with your child, remove this part o the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There will be a **'mural page'** in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends**. Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room!

In our next issue: Past the rookery!

SPECIAL ACTIVITY SECTION!



Welcome to this special pull-out section of Thomas's magazine, where there are more exciting puzzles for you to complete! This section also opens into the first part of Thomas's very own large floor game! Once you've finished all the puzzles on the next few pages, ask a parent or adult to stick this first part of Thomas's game on to thin card. Keep your first Thomas game counter in a safe place and wait for our next issue, where we will have another game counter plus the second part of Thomas's game just for you!

Part No. 1

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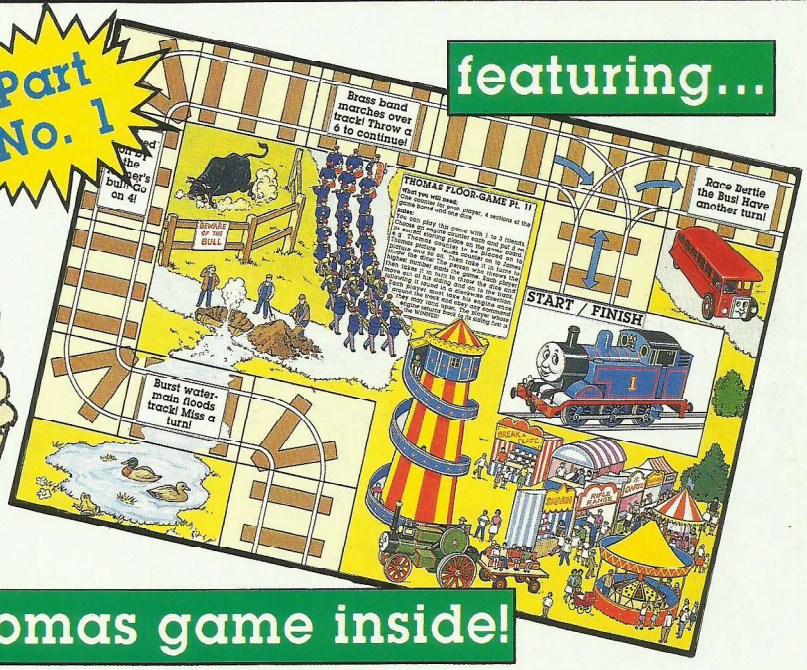


Thomas game inside!

JAMES'S JAPES!

Here are a few jokes that readers have recently sent in for James the Red Engine!

What did the policeman say to his tummy?
You're under a vest!
From **Simon**, aged 6.

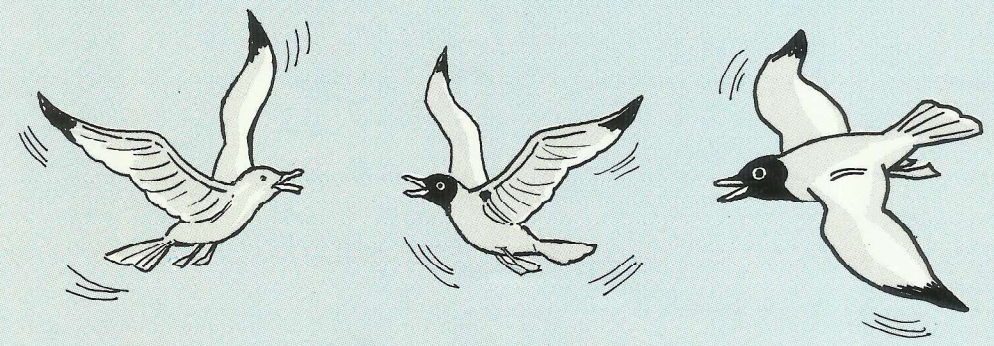
What lies on the ocean bed and quivers?
A nervous wreck!
From **Sarah**, aged 5.

Where do you take a sick horse?
To horspital!
From **Michael**, aged 6.

Where did Napoleon keep his armies?
Up his sleevies!
From **David**, aged 7.

COUNTING TIME!

Much of Thomas's branch line takes him through the countryside. On his journey he often sees many interesting things. Today he saw lots of wildlife! Count how many insects and animals Thomas saw and then write your answers in the boxes! The answers are below!



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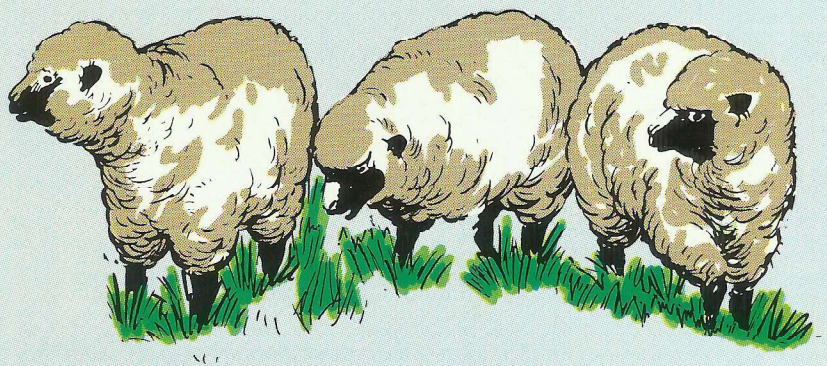

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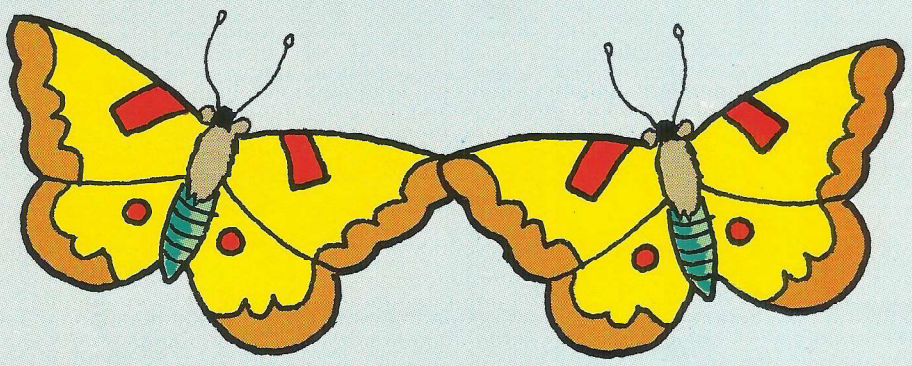

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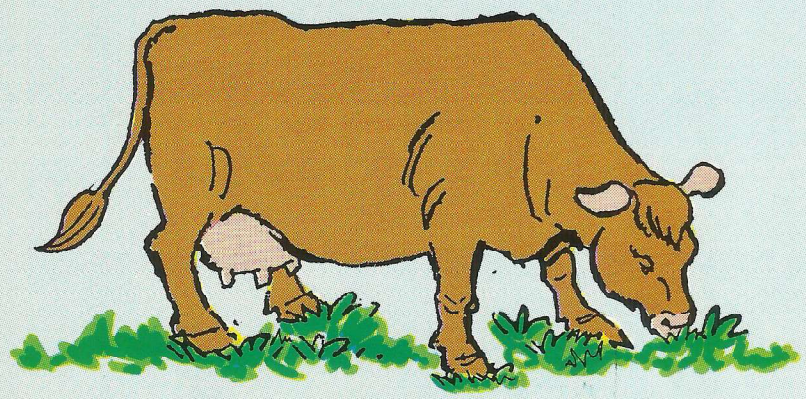
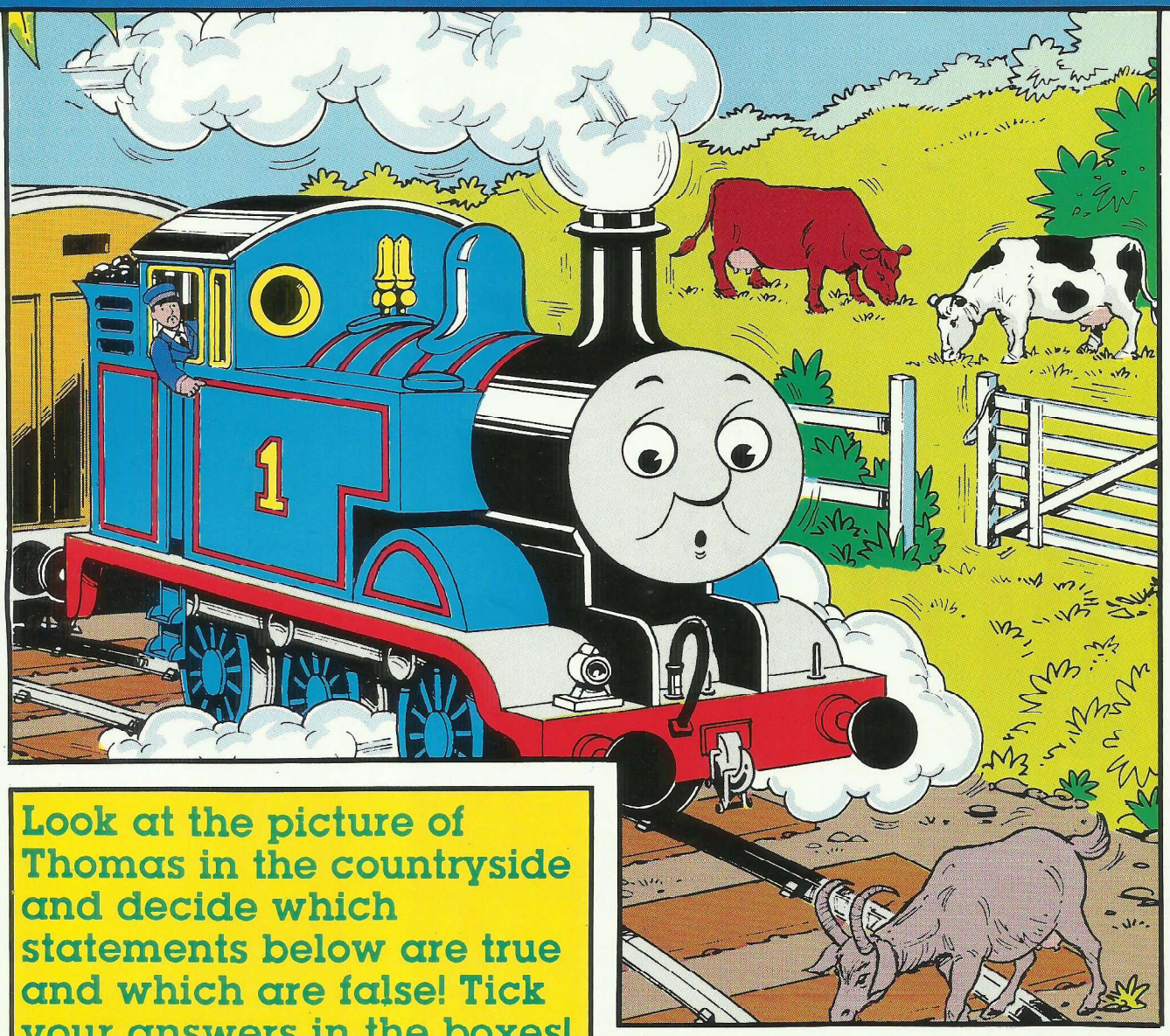


Cow

ANSWERS: 3 birds, 3 sheep, 2 butterflies and 1 cow!

TRUE OR FALSE!

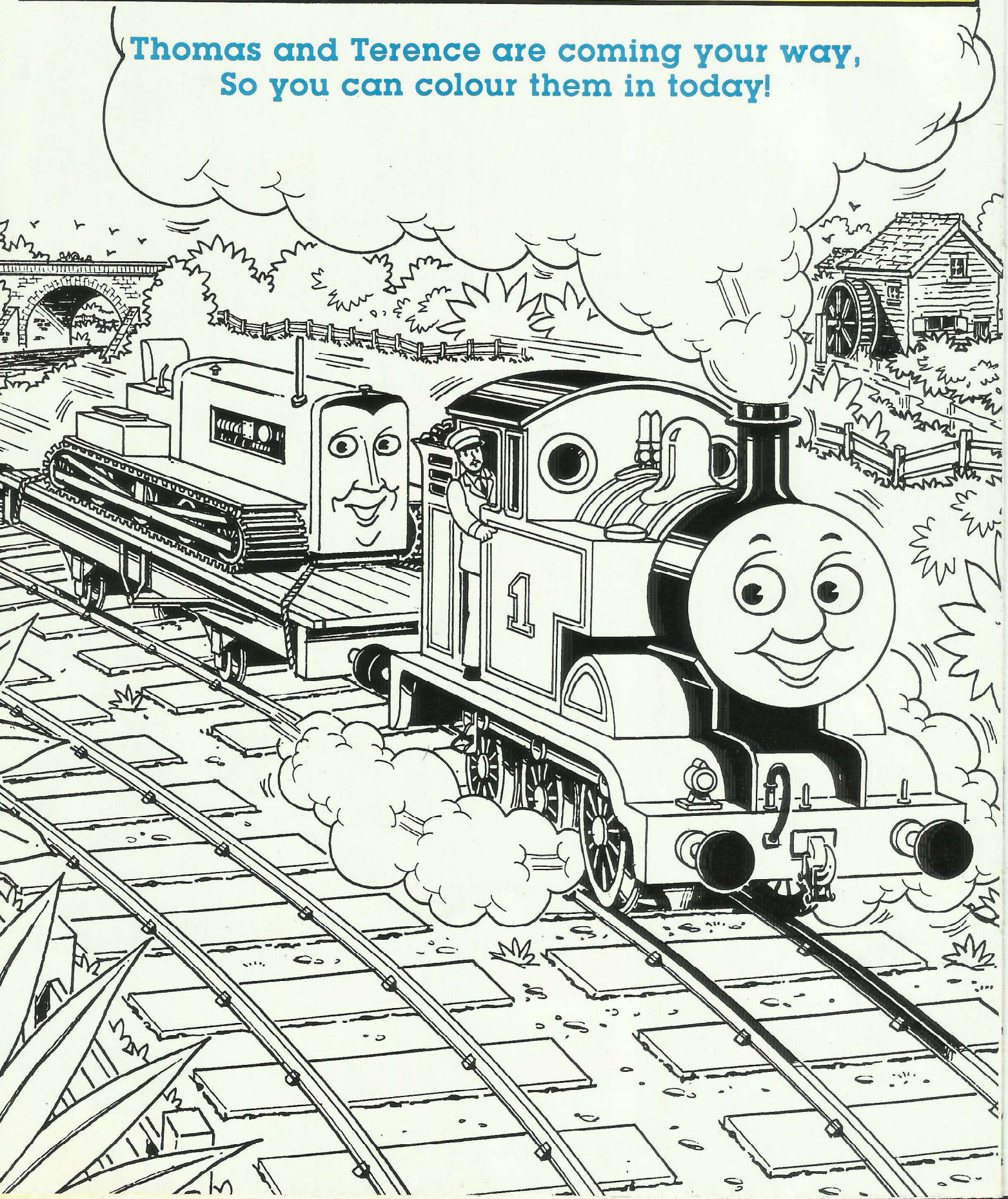


Look at the picture of Thomas in the countryside and decide which statements below are true and which are false! Tick your answers in the boxes!

	Yes	No
A goat has strayed on to the track, in front of Thomas!	☐	☐
Two cows are chewing grass in the field!	☐	☐
The gate leading to the field is closed!	☐	☐

COLOURING TIME!

Thomas and Terence are coming your way,
So you can colour them in today!



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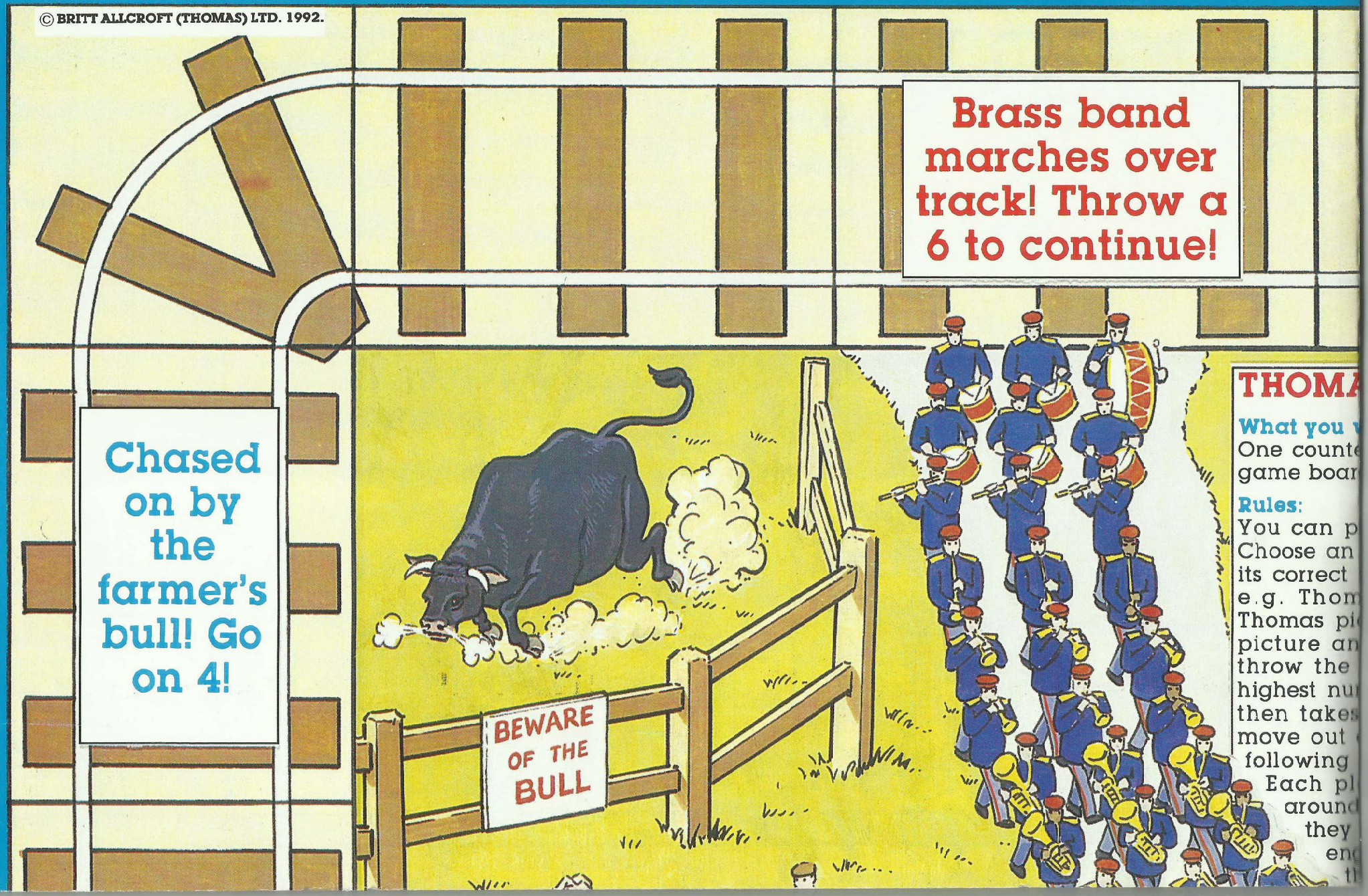

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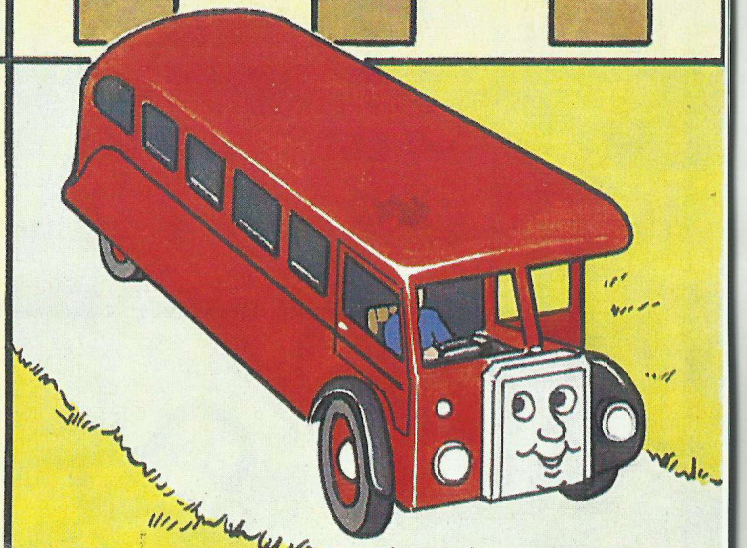
Race Bertie the Bus! Have another turn!



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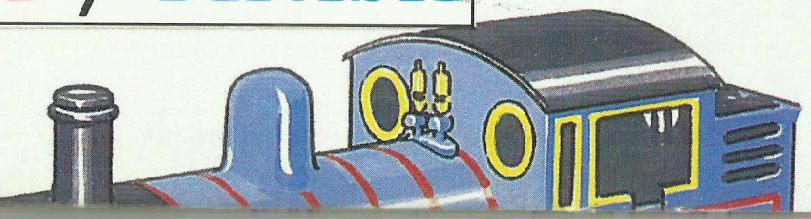

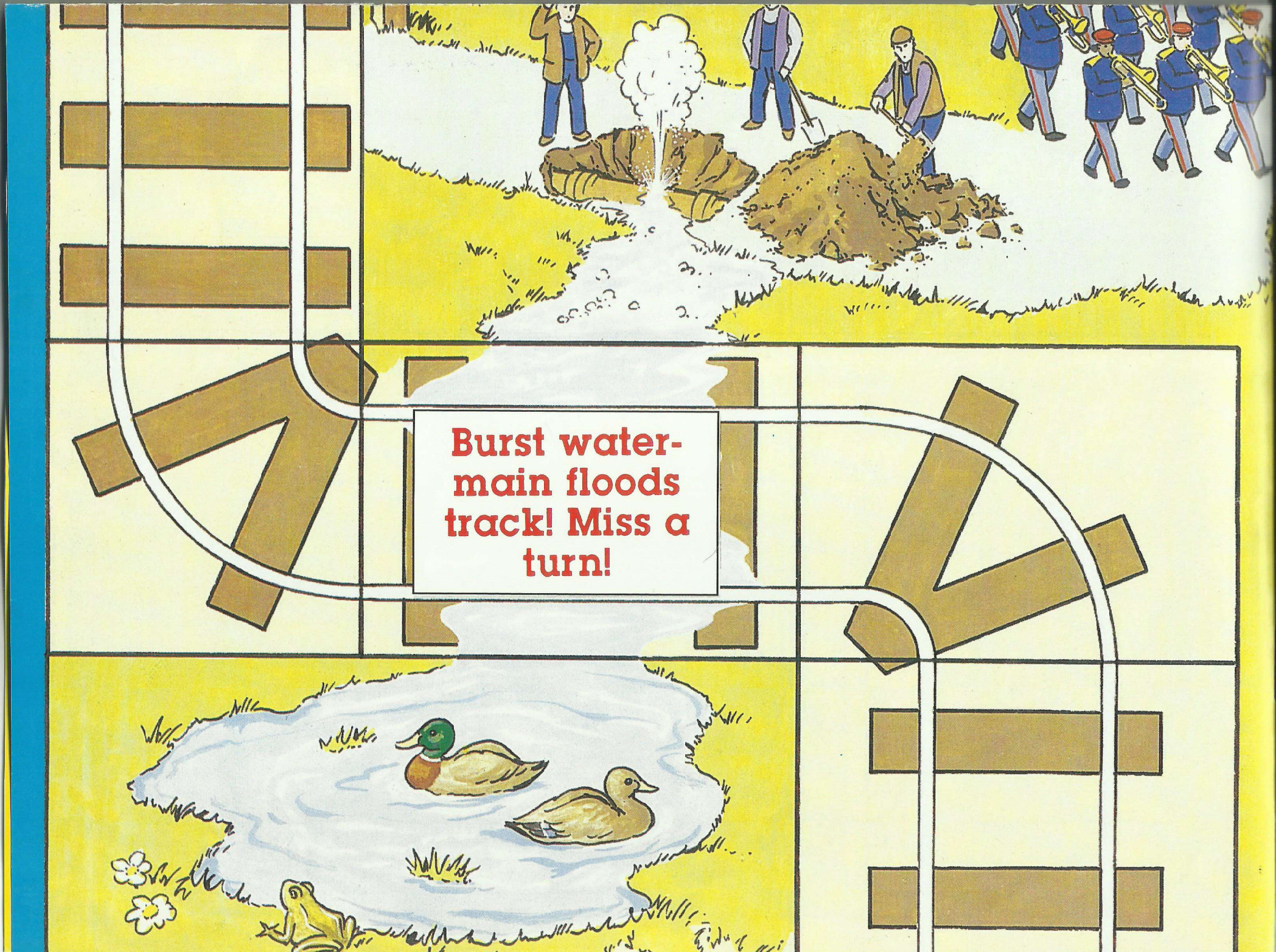
Burst water-main floods track! Miss a turn!

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BREAK A PLATE
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS

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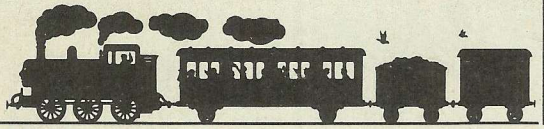

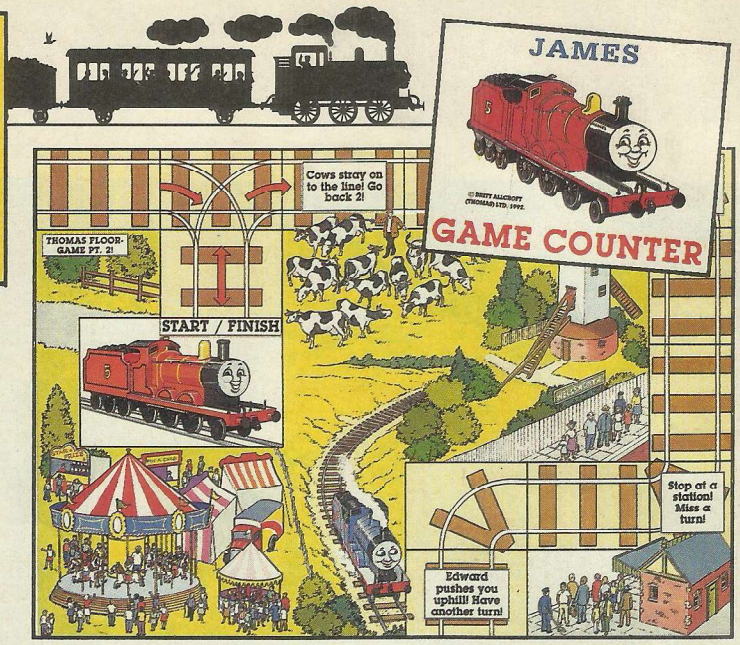

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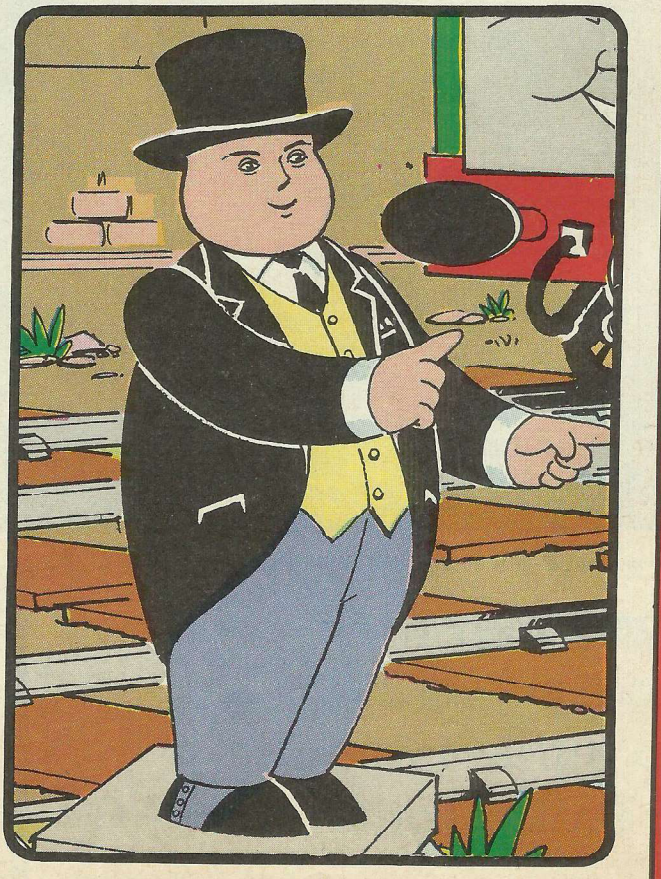

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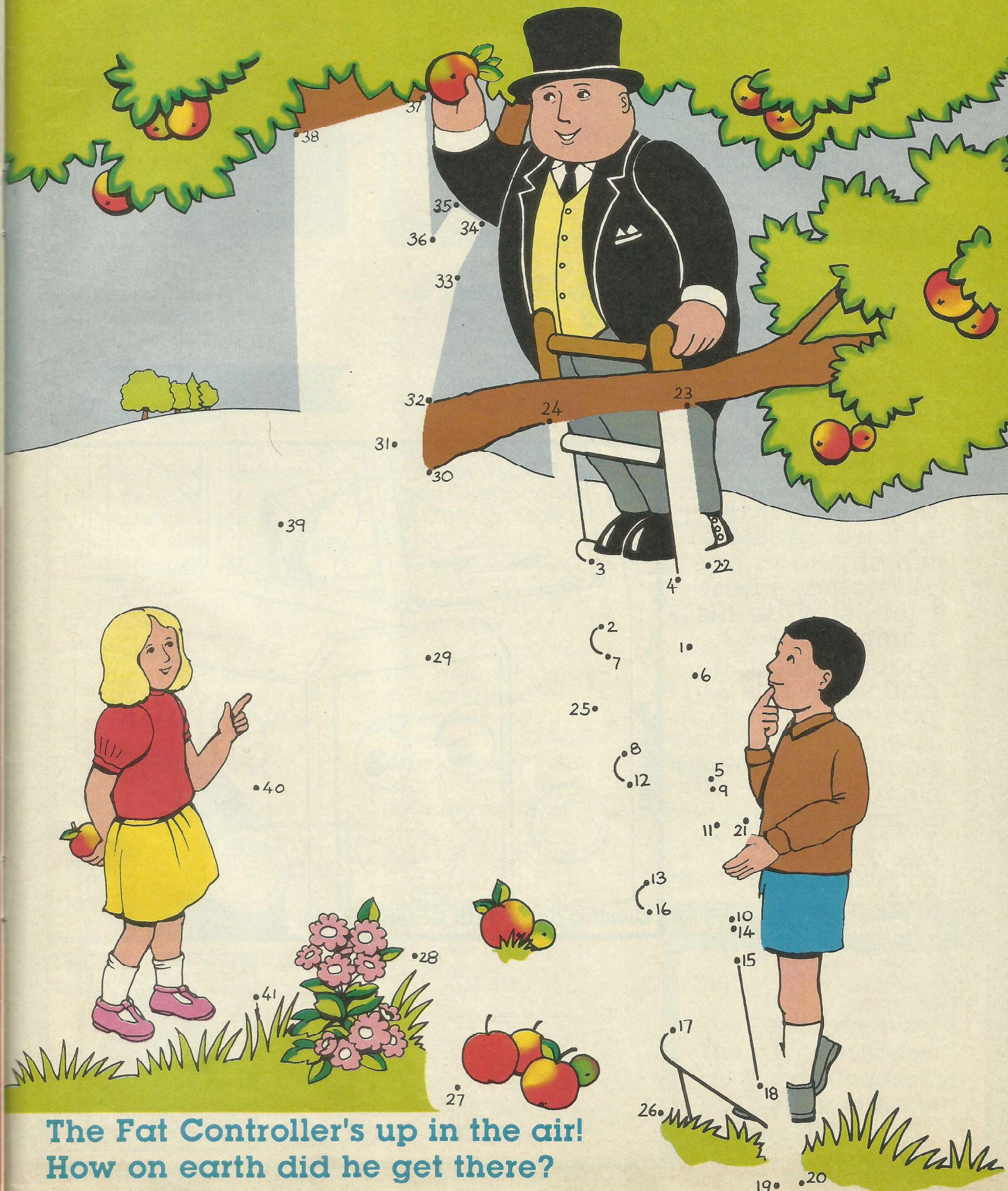

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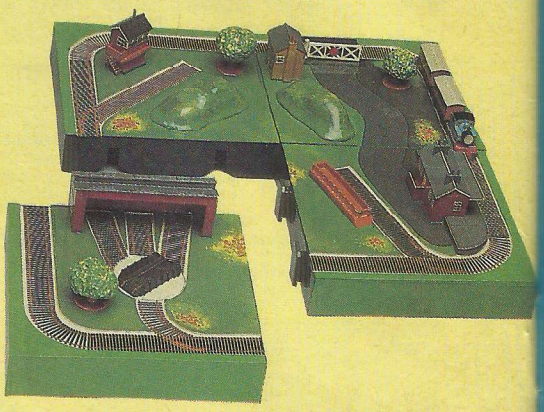

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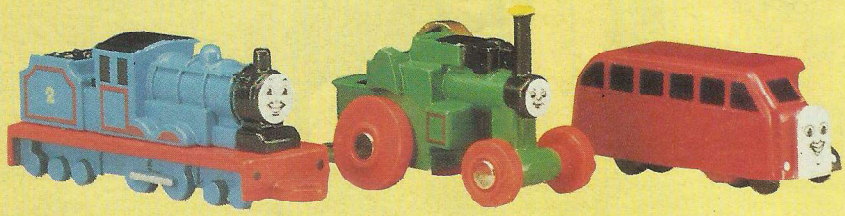

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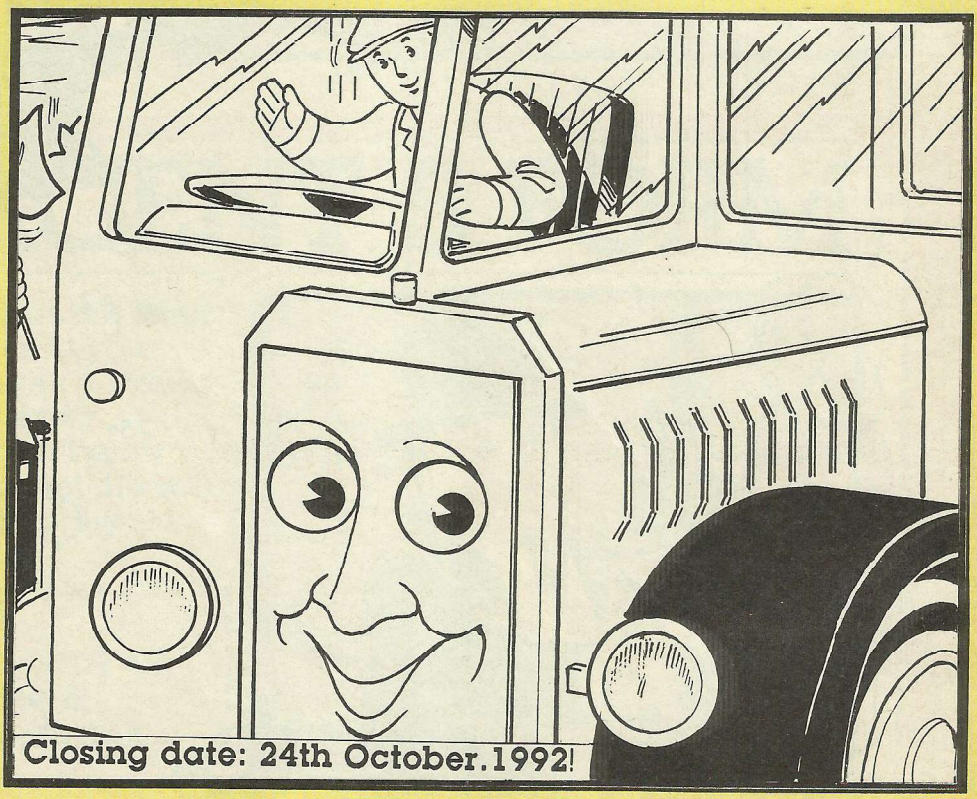

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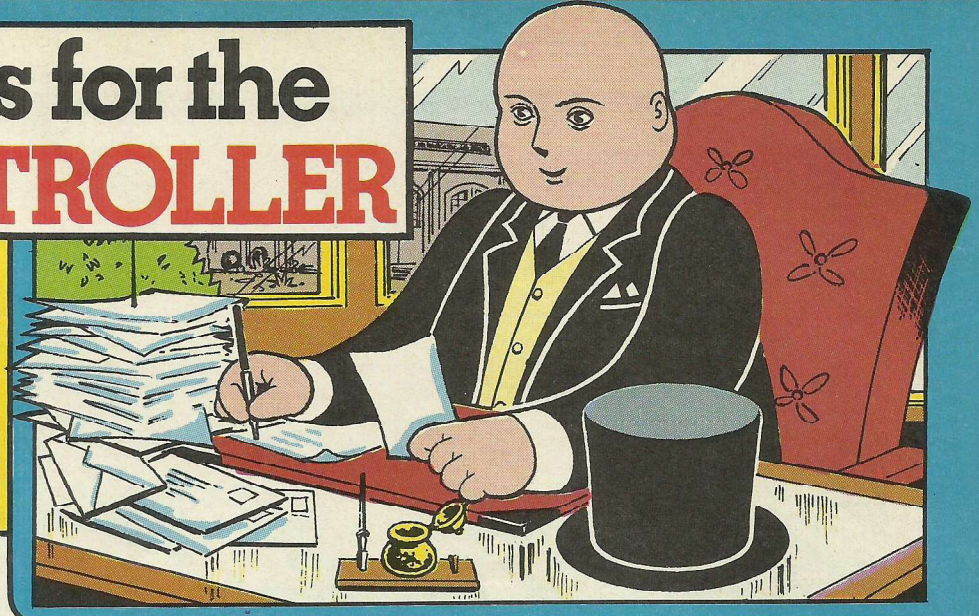

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I liked the story called **"Percy and the Dragon"** but it looked as though Percy was very frightened of the Dragon!
Love from **Henry Lim,** aged 3.

Yes, I do remember that story particularly well. Percy was only frightened because he thought it was a real dragon. I must say, I was equally frightened until I discovered it was only the young children wearing a costume for the chinese festival!

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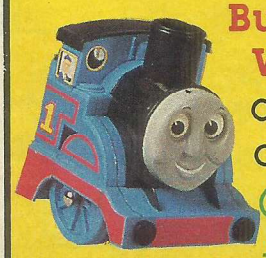

EXCITING DAY!

Dear Fat Controller,
I was so excited when yourself and Thomas came to Kidderminster for the day. I had so much fun riding on Gordon that I didn't want to go home at all. I would like to thank you and Thomas for a lovely day!
Love from **Robert Hodgson,** aged 2.

Good heavens! It does sound as though you had a very enjoyable day at Kidderminster especially if you travelled on Gordon. He is a Really Fast Engine when he pulls the Express!

THOMAS'S NEW FRIENDS!

Dear Fat Controller,
Has Thomas made any new friends on the Island of Sodor recently?
Love from **Michael Galbraith,** aged 7.

*Thomas's new friends are called **'Mavis'** and **'Bulgy'** and I am sure they will feature in many of Thomas's new adventures on the Island of Sodor!*

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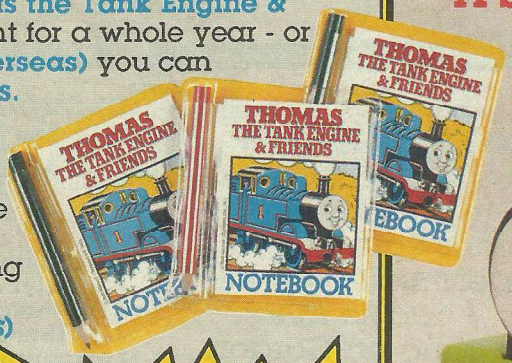

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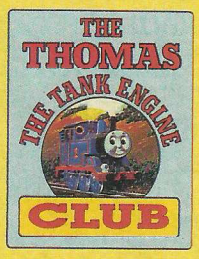

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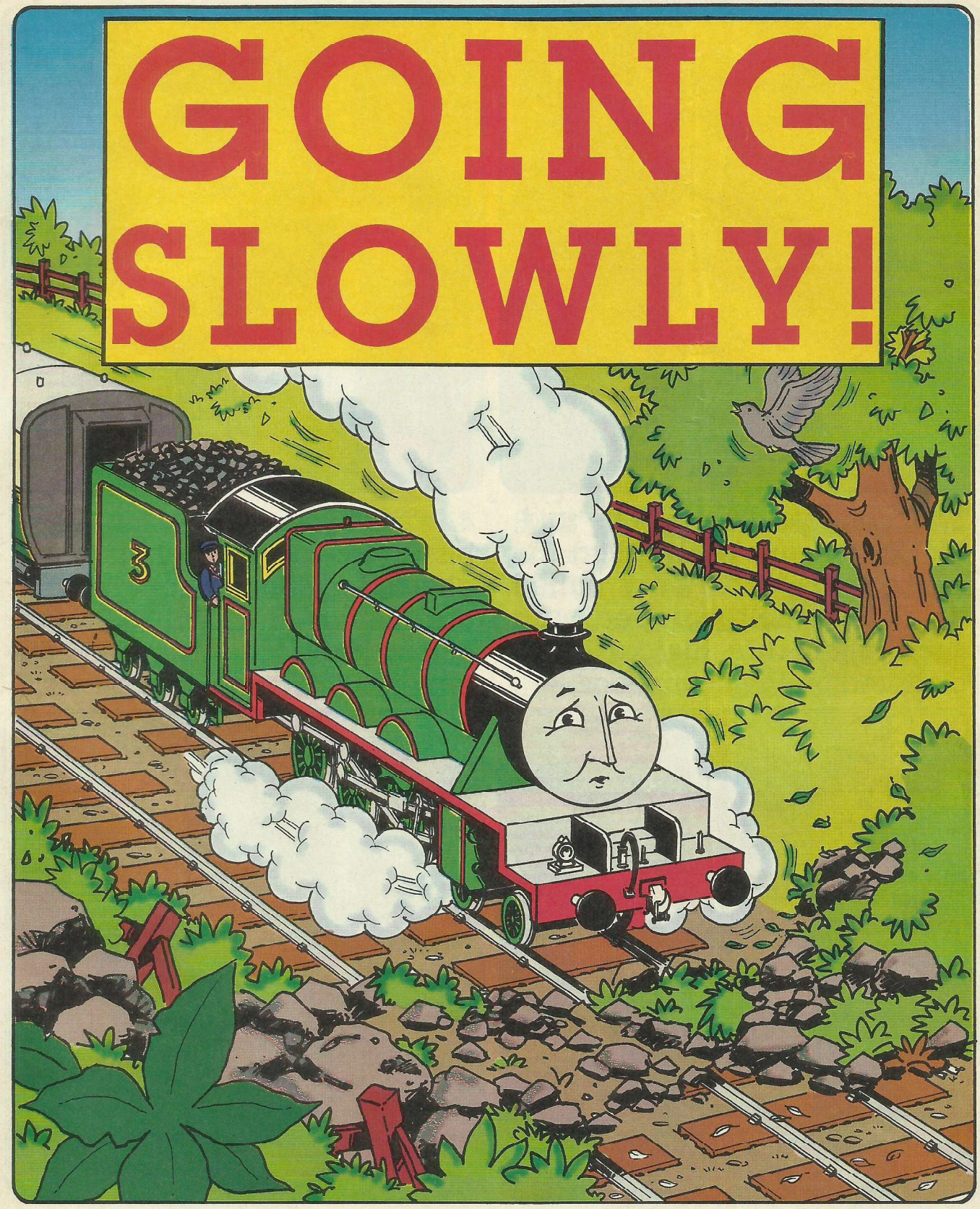
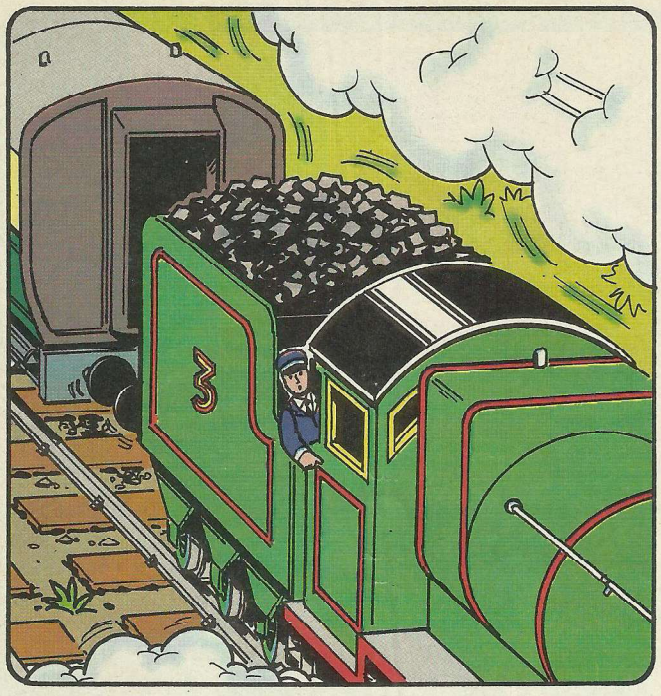
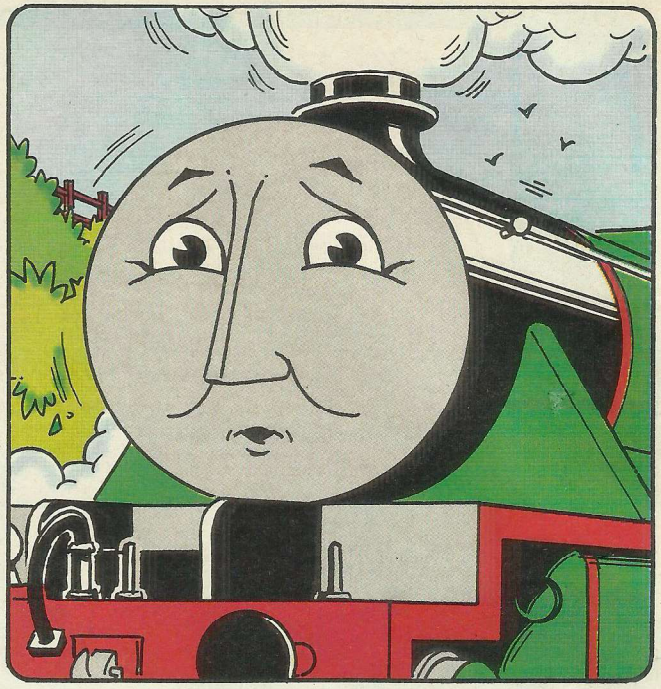


1. It was Autumn on the Island of Sodor. As the engines worked hard, carrying passengers and goods, they watched the leaves falling gently from the trees. "Summer is over!" sighed Henry.

2. Henry was pulling a passenger train on the main line. He steamed into a cutting where the track lay between two steep banks. Henry saw that the line ahead was blocked!

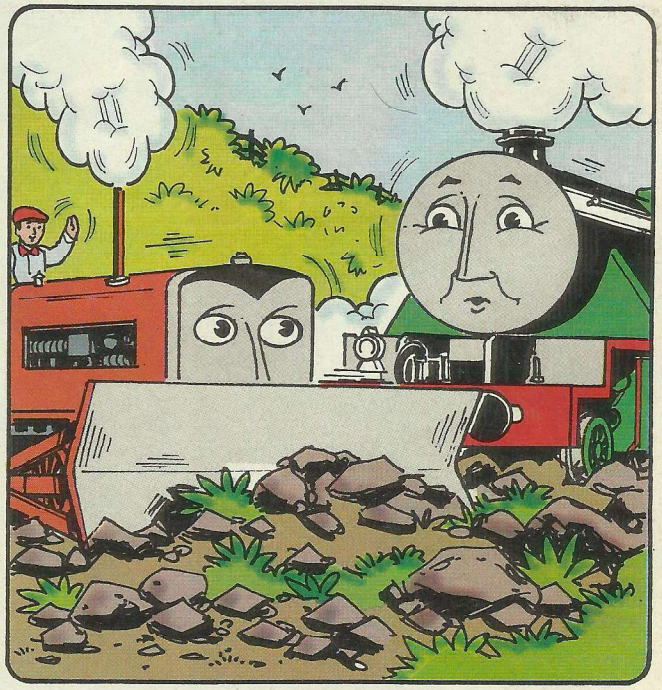


3. "I can't get through!" he said. His driver quickly applied the brake lever and Henry pulled up sharply. He stopped with such a jolt that his carriages clattered on their couplings.

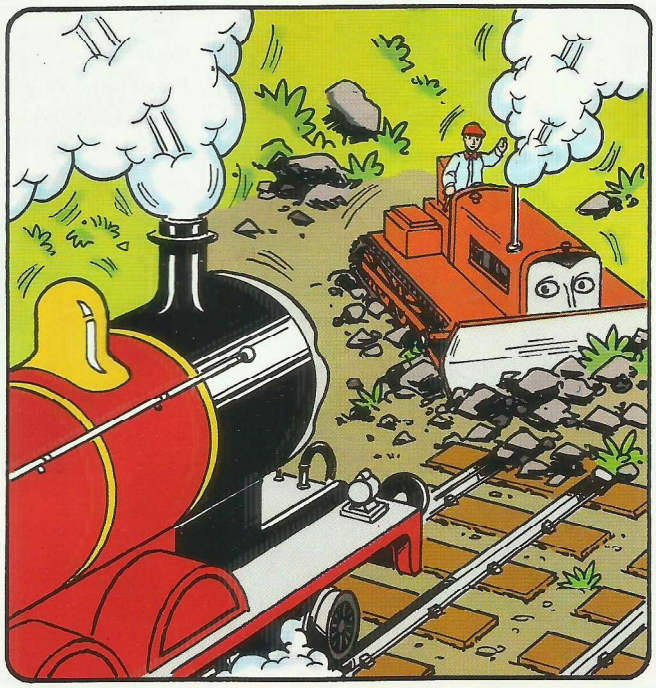


4. "Phew! I stopped just in time!" hissed Henry. His buffers were almost touching a huge pile of earth that had fallen right across the track. "There's been a landslide!" called the driver.

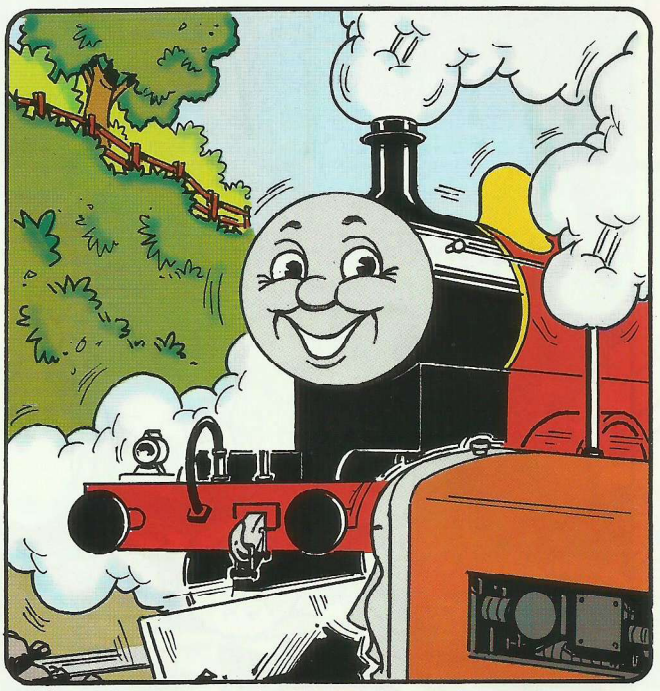
5. Henry carefully backed up to Elsworth station. His driver warned the stationmaster. They telephoned the Fat Controller, who sent for Terence the Tractor to clear the landslide.



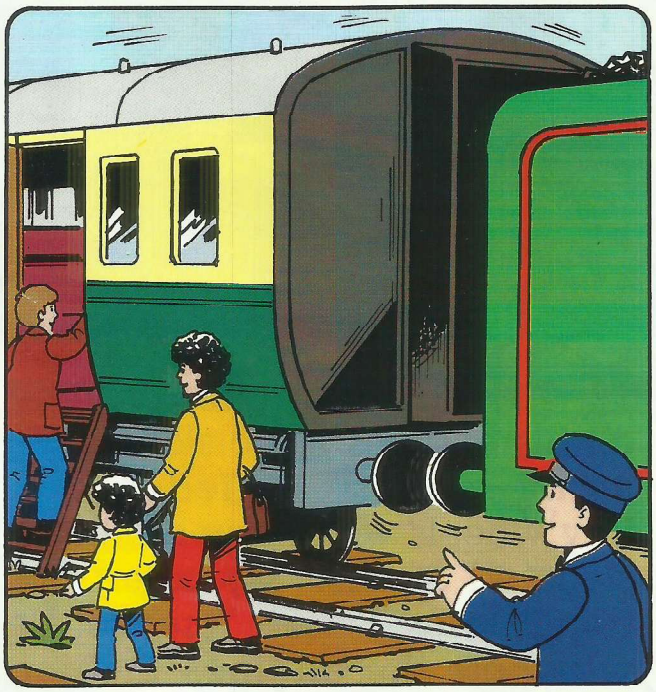
6. Henry's guard told all the passengers to leave the train. Then, Henry rolled forwards along the line, and waited for Terence to push the earth away. "Please be quick!" called Henry.



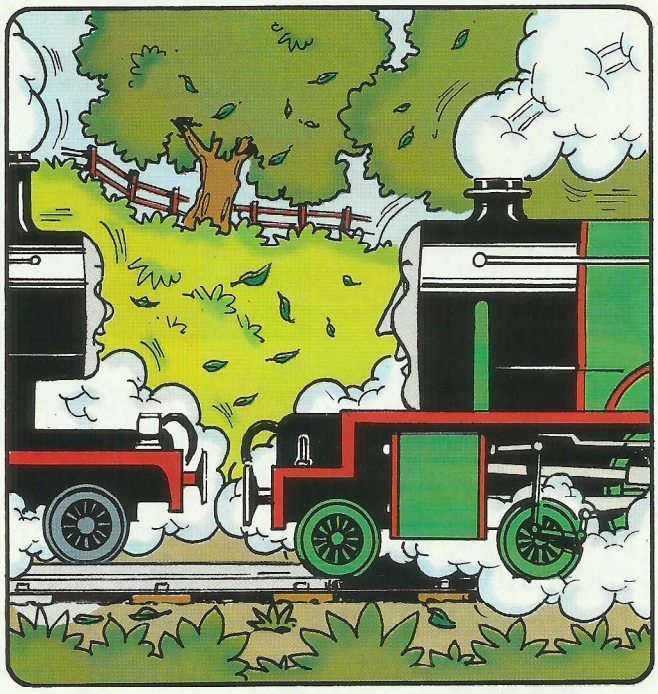
7. "I'm going as fast as I can!" said Terence. James appeared on the opposite track through the cutting. That line was blocked, too. "Hurry up!" puffed James. "I have important work to do today!"



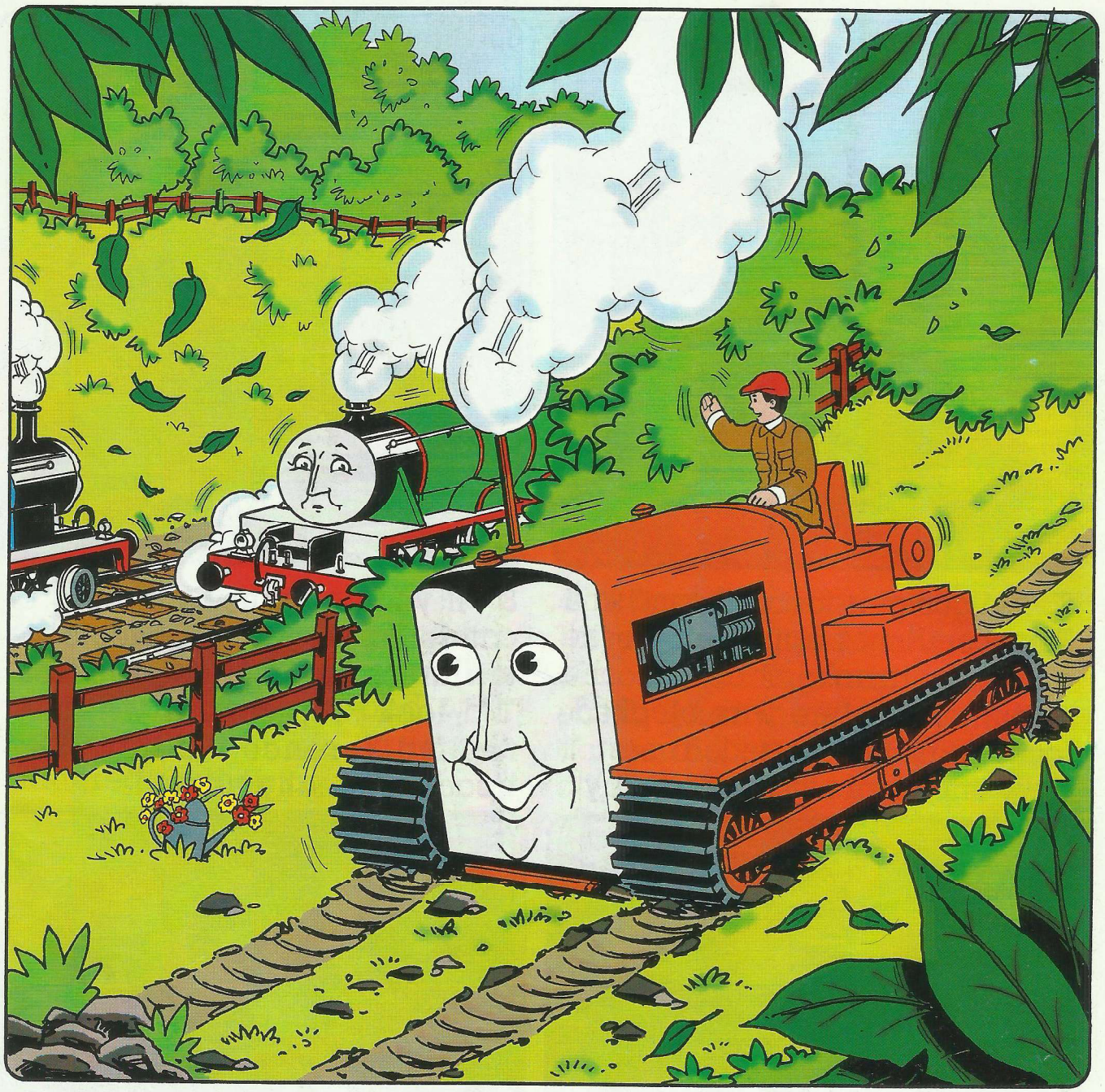
8. "If you had wheels instead of caterpillar treads, you would go ten times as fast!" said James. "I'd look stupid with wheels!" replied Terence. "Caterpillar treads are really useful!"



9. Henry waited patiently for Terence to finish. "Peep! Peep!"! whistled Henry as the line was finally cleared. The passengers went back into the passenger train.



10. "About time, too!" huffed James, as the engines chuffed on their way again. "If we had caterpillar treads, we'd never get our work done in time!" snorted James.



11. Later when the engines went about their tasks, more and more leaves floated down from the trees and landed on the railway lines. However hard they puffed, the engines could not go fast. "Botheration!" grumbled Thomas. "My wheels keep slipping on the leaves!" As soon as the railway gangers cleared leaves from the track, more fell down from the trees.

12. The Fat Controller ordered all his engines to go slowly. "So many leaves!" huffed Henry. "My wheels won't grip on them!" steamed James. "My caterpillar treads can!" teased Terence. He watched the engines inching along slowly as he worked in a field. "Your wheels aren't very fast!" he grinned. The engines felt silly. Now they were sorry they made fun of Terence.

THE END!

In our next issue: Harold's good deed!